

**Statewide Interoperability Governance Board
Minutes
January 12, 2017
1:30 PM
Cogswell Building, Room 151**

Members Present:

Leo Dutton, MSPOA, Chairman
Ron Baldwin, SCIO, MDOA/SITSD
Geoff Feiss, MTA
Captain Curt Stinson, MACOP
Delila Bruno, MDMA
Clint Loss, MEMSA

Patrick Lonergan, MFCA
Major Bob Armstrong, MDOJ/MHP, Alternate
Chief Bob Drake, MSVFA, Alternate
Jon Swartz, MDT, Alternate
Quinn Ness, MDOA/SITSD, Alternate

Staff Present:

Wendy Jackson, DOA/SITSD

Guests Present:

Rhonda Sullivan, MDOA/ITSD; Trudy Skari, MDOA/SITSD; Steve Keller, MDT; Mike Feldman, MDOJ/MHP;
Dan Sullivan, MDOA/SITSD

Real-time Communication:

Chris Lounsbury, Missoula County; Brad Steiner, Motorola Solutions; Kerry O'Connell, Gallatin County; Charlie Gilmore, Lewis & Clark County; Mike Raczkowski, MDOC; Robert Paul, MDOC; Dale Osborne, MDOJ/MHP; Dan Hawkins, U.S. DHS; Dave Cook, MDLI

Welcome and Introductions

Leo Dutton welcomed the board to the January 12, 2017 Statewide Interoperability Governance Board (SIGB) meeting. All members and guests were introduced.

Minutes

Motion: Ron Baldwin made a motion to approve the December 8, 2016 minutes as presented. Bob Drake seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Business

FirstNet 2016 Consolation Update

Dan Sullivan gave a quick report on FirstNet 2016 Consultation. FirstNet Metro Meetings with local emergency response agencies and responders in Kalispell and Missoula on January 18 and 19, 2017. Discussions about FirstNet will be led by Tracey Murdock, FirstNet Regional Lead. The FirstNet Metro Meetings in Helena and Great Falls have not been scheduled at this time.

Action Item: Mr. Sullivan will inform the board of the scheduling of the future FirstNet Metro Meetings.

Statewide Land Mobile Radio (LMR) System: Maintenance Requirements

Memorandum to Governor

Mr. Dutton stated that the board members should have received the Memorandum to the Governor. Mr. Dutton asked if there were any questions.

Q: Mr. Drake: I do not see the Microwave Backbone numbers in the memo. Should the Microwave Backbone be included?

A: Dale Osbourne: The Microwave Backbone estimates should be in the memo. The cost estimates from Aviat Networks for one year are \$167,671. Two years are \$169,377 and three years are \$377,048. The estimates begin on March 1, 2016 due to the maintenance agreement expiration. The price includes technical support and advanced replacement.

Quinn Ness questioned Dale Osborne about if the Department of Justice (DOJ), Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) had included the cost of the Aviat Networks Maintenance Agreement in their budget request to the 2017 Legislature?

Dale Osborne stated that cost of the Aviat Network's Maintenance Agreement was not included in DOJ/MHP's proposed budget. DOJ/MHP's budget will need to be amended by the Legislature because this is an additional funding request.

Motion: Mr. Drake made a motion to recommend that the three-year maintenance contract for the Microwave Backbone from Aviat Networks. Curt Stinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action Item: Mr. Osborne will contact Aviat Networks and confirm the total cost estimate for the three-year maintenance contract. In addition, he will request approval to post the cost estimate on the SIGB's public website.

Mr. Ness reviewed the draft memo. The following three recommendations will be included in the memo.
Recommendation 1: Maintain the Microwave Backbone via maintenance contracts with Aviat Networks, appropriations are requested in the amount of \$377,048.

Recommendation 2: DOJ/MHP will own, operate and manage the statewide LMR system. DOJ/MHP will lead and support the system's governance. DOJ/MHP will request appropriations for funding in the amount of \$925,600 for FY 18 and \$485,600 for FY 19. These funds will be designated to fully support the expenses of four new LMR technicians and equipment to provide maintenance support statewide to the LMR system and MW Backbone.

Recommendation 3: Upgrade the system software from 7.11 to 7.16. This will require two new cores and the conversion of five sites to 800 MHz. The approximate cost for this recommendation is \$6.9M. DOJ/MHP will request appropriations for the system upgrades.

Action Item: Mr. Ness will revise the memo and distribute it to board members.

For more information on the Memorandum to the Governor please visit the SIGB website at

<http://sitsd.mt.gov/Public-Safety-Home-Page/SIGB-Main-Page>.

Public Comment

Mr. Dutton reported that he received a letter from the Fire and Aviation Management Bureau of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). DNRC requested to be informed of SIGB meetings and to have representation on the SIGB board.

Action Item: Mr. Ness will determine who from DNRC will be represented. CIO Support will add the DNRC representative to the SIGB distribution list.

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2017

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Cogswell Building, Room 151

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.